AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-implemented</u> software tool for use in configuring firewalls, comprising:

an interface <u>executing on a computer</u> which communicates with a database to obtain the identification of firewall devices associated with a network and generate a first <u>image on a</u> display <u>of the computer</u> which lists said devices; and

means responsive to the selection of one of the devices in said list to generate a second <u>image on said</u> display which lists conduits within said device, wherein each conduit is identified by descriptive names stored in said database for local and external devices and/or networks that are logically connected by the conduit.

2.   (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1, further including means responsive to the selection of one of the devices listed in said first display to generate a third <u>image on said</u> display which lists internal networks owned by an entity associated with the selected device, and means to selectively open and close conduits respectively corresponding to said internal networks.

3.   (Original) The tool of claim 2 wherein said means to selectively open and close conduits comprises a graphical object adjacent each listing of an internal

network that can be selected by a user to toggle between open and closed states for the listed network.

4.   (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 2 wherein said third ~~display~~ image further includes means for adding a new conduit to one of the internal networks.

5.   (Original) The tool of claim 4 wherein said means for adding a new conduit to one of the internal networks includes an identification of each protocol that can be associated with the new conduit, and graphical objects via which a user can select each of said protocols.

6.   (Original) A method for configuring firewalls, comprising the following steps:

communicating with a database to obtain the identification of firewall devices associated with a network;

generating a first display which lists said devices; and

detecting the selection of one of the devices in said list; and

generating a second display which lists conduits within said device, wherein each conduit is identified by descriptive names stored in said database for local and external devices and/or networks that are logically connected by the conduit.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 6, further including the steps of generating a third display which lists internal networks owned by an entity associated

with the selected device, in response to the selection of one of the devices listed in said first display, and which enables a user to selectively open and close conduits respectively corresponding to said internal networks.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said third display includes a graphical object adjacent each listing of an internal network that can be selected by a user to toggle between open and closed states for the listed network.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said third display further enables a user to add a new conduit to one of the internal networks.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein said third display includes an identification of each protocol that can be associated with the new conduit, and graphical objects via which a user can select each of said protocols.

11.   (New) The method of claim 6 wherein said descriptive names comprise textual identification of said devices.

12.   (New) The tool of claim 1 wherein said descriptive names comprise textual identification of said devices.